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In the most recent continuing resolution (CR) passed to fund the government through November 18, 2011, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) informed the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) along with most other states that they would be instituting a 1.5% cut across most state administered education programs. These cuts apply to the Title I and Title II allocations that went out on October 1.

ED recognized that the ADE and most other states had already issued allocations for the 2011-2012 year. Therefore, ED granted the states, including the ADE, the option of deferring the 1.5% cuts until the next fiscal year. The purpose was to reduce the administrative burden for both the ADE and the local education agencies (LEAs). The ADE has opted to exercise this option. Therefore, the initial allocations your LEA received for SY2011-12 will remain the same. Any reduction in Title I-A and or Title II-A funds may be reflected in your SY2012-13 LEA allocations.

While Congress has ensured that the federal government will have funding through November 18, Congressional appropriators continue to debate the final spending levels for the next fiscal year. Accordingly, LEAs should understand that the changing landscape in Washington would continue to make accurate predictions of future funding levels difficult. The ADE will make every effort to keep LEAs advised of changes in future allocations as we receive information from ED.

If you or your staff has questions about your funding for either of these two important, programs please contact Richard Valdivia at (602) 542-3270 or richard.valdivia@azed.gov.

Please retain this notice as documentation for your A-133 audit.

Sincerely, Richard Valdivia Deputy Associate Superintendent Highly Effective Schools

